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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE
ACTION ON THE MERITS

In the claims:

Cancel claims 19-36.

Insert the following new claims 37-54:

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37. (New) A system for the correspondent-centric management
of e-mail messages which are sent and/or received by users of the system, said
system comprising:

- a) a message data table for storing at least a portion of sent and/or
received e-mail messages as message records;
 - b) a correspondent data table for storing correspondent records
which include information related to correspondents of users of the system; and,
 - c) a message-correspondent relationship data table for storing
message-correspondent relationship records which link portions of sent and/or
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